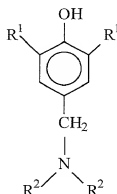


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A stabilized high-vinyl polybutadiene composition comprising a high-vinyl polybutadiene, and an antioxidant defined by the formula



- 5 where each R¹ and R², which may be the same or different, are mono-valent organic groups, or where each R¹, which may be the same or different, is a mono-valent organic group and the two R² groups join to form a divalent organic group.